



# Install Windows 10 on the Pixel

Install Windows 10 on your 2013 Chromebook Pixel

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide will assume you are familiar with installing Windows on previous devices. Not all features may work perfectly in this installation. You will *\*not\** have to flash the BIOS to achieve a Windows installation, but you will have to flash it if you want all the devices to work properly. Please see the guide on removing the write protect screw.

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### TOOLS:

- [Usb Flash Drive](#) (1)

*Must have Windows 10 installation on this drive!*

*Can also use this device for ChromeOS recovery if something fails.*

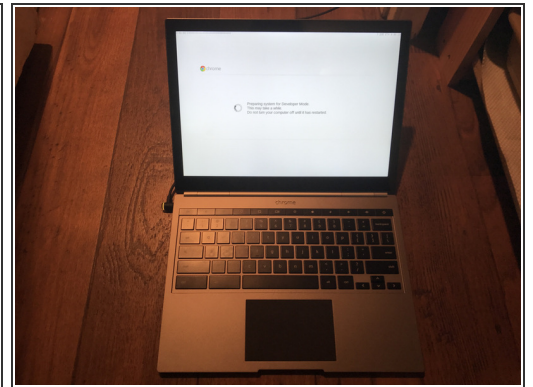
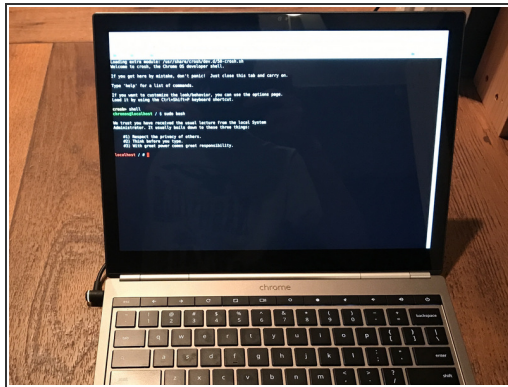
- [USB keyboard](#) (1)
  - [USB mouse](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Get your Pixel ready



- Backup your data before we begin
- You'll want to prepare a MBR bootable USB 8.1/10 drive using Rufus or the Window 10 installation tool
- Have an external USB keyboard and mouse ready

## Step 2 — Developer mode and USB Boot



- Enable developer mode and **legacy USB boot**
- Boot into ChromeOS
- You'll get to the developer mode on screen. Press "ctrl" + "L" to boot into the legacy SeaBIOS

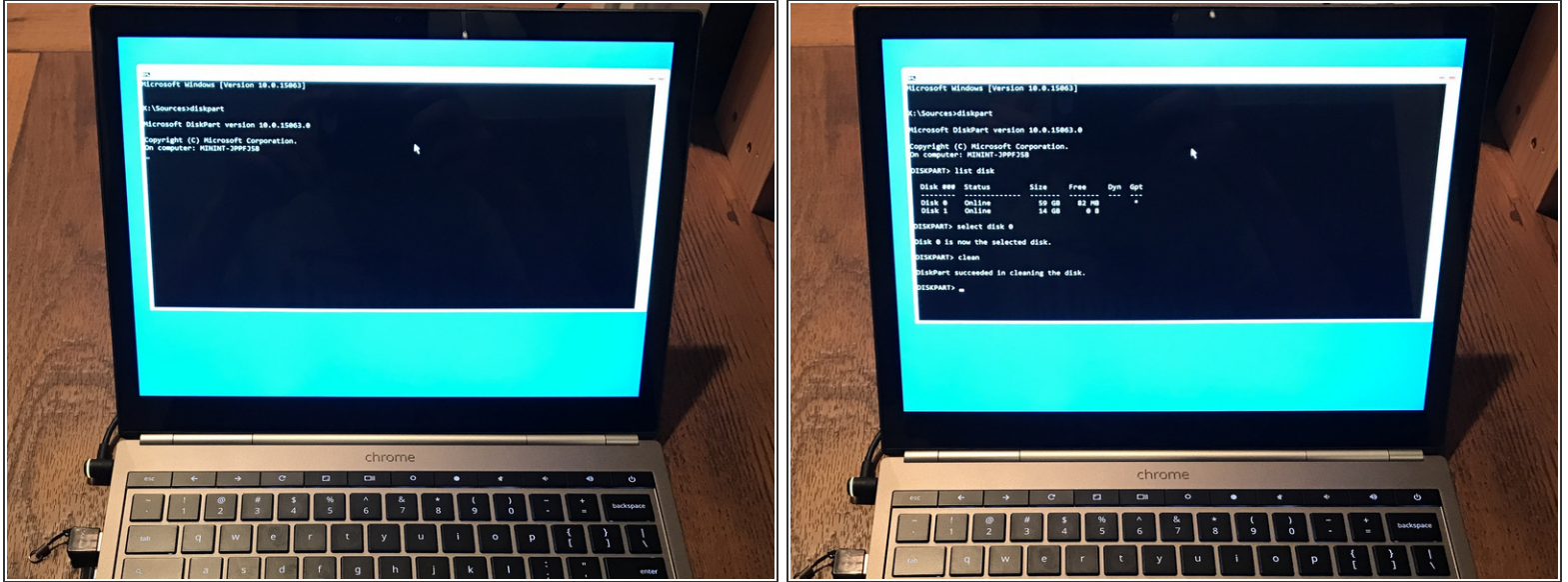
## Step 3 — Boot into Windows 10



- Plug in your USB keyboard
- Select the flash drive containing your Windows 10 installation
- Boot into Windows 10

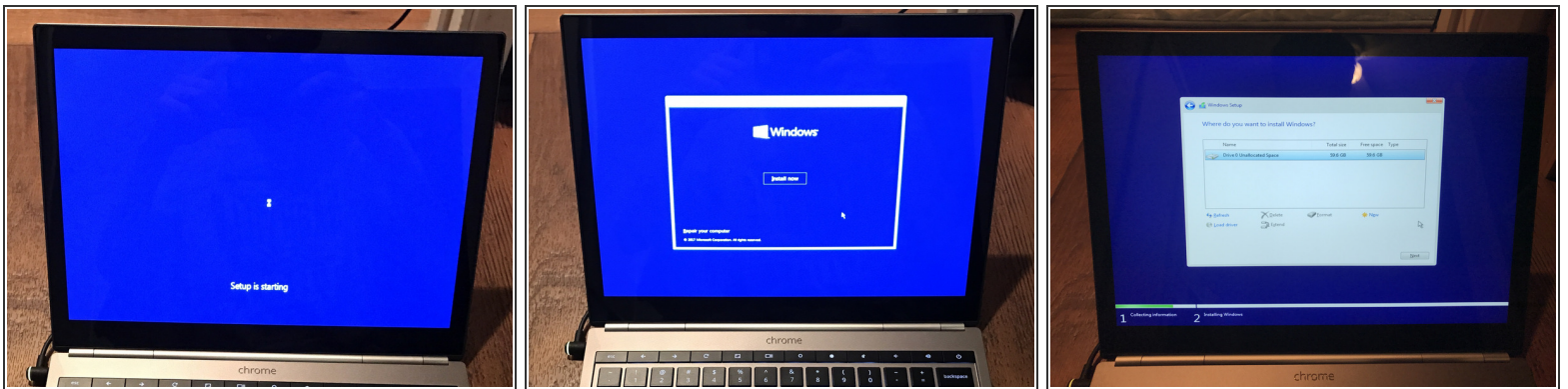


## Step 4 — Prepare your SSD



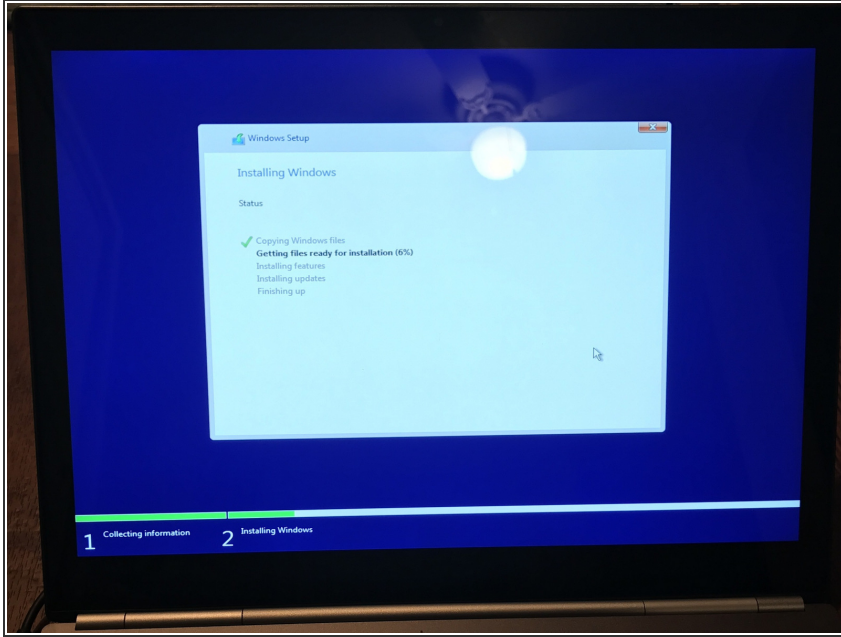
- Use the advanced tools to open up an elevated command prompt
- Run **diskpart** and clean the storage on your SSD boot drive

## Step 5 — Install Windows 10



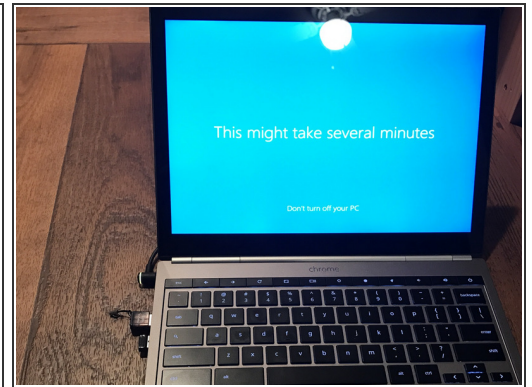
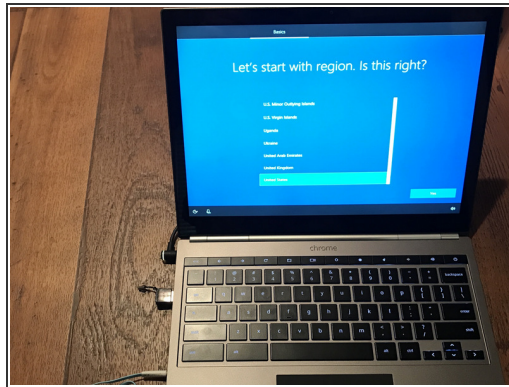
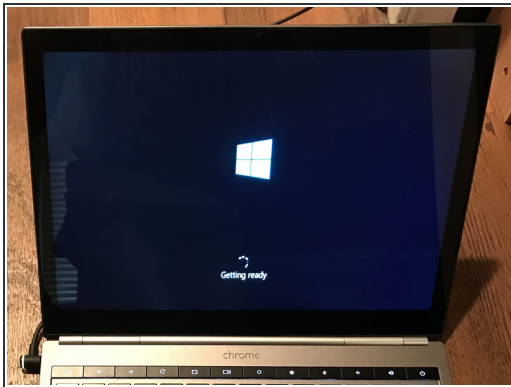
- Reboot into the Windows installer from your USB drive
- Click **Install Now** to install Windows 10
- Select your SSD as the default install location

## Step 6 — Wait a bit...



- Let Windows 10 install
- Whenever the computer reboots. Press "ctrl" + "L" to get back to the BIOS

## Step 7 — Setup Windows



- Follow the on-screen guide to finish installing Windows
- Wi-Fi and audio should work out of the box, but you'll still need your USB keyboard/mouse to continue with the setup
  - We'll install drivers shortly
- Cortana will likely be really loud.
  - Plug in a pair of headphones or silence her by clicking the mute button on the bottom right of the screen.



## Step 8 — Install drivers & Customize



- Install all of your Windows device drivers (keyboard, trackpad, touchscreen) from Coolstar's webpage
- <https://coolstar.org/chromebook/windows-...>
- Note that drivers may be buggy. You might have to reinstall ChromeOS by using recovery in order to flash/re-flash the BIOS.
- This is risky business, so only flash it if your drivers *don't* work out of the box **and** you have the technical know-how to fix it.

Enjoy running Windows on your Pixel and have the satisfaction that not many have attempted this feat!

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